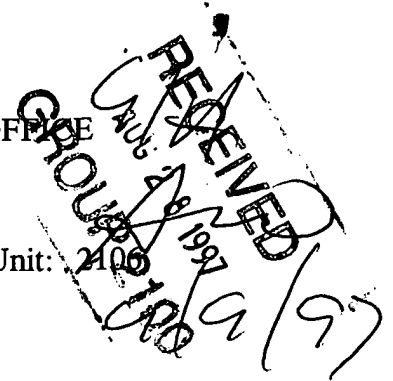


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For: **METHOD EMPLOYING UV LASER PULSES OF VARIED
ENERGY DENSITY TO FORM DEPTHWISE SELF-
LIMITING BLIND VIAS IN MULTILAYERED TARGETS**

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AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the April 9, 1997 Office action, please amend the
above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Drawings:

Figs. 4 and 6 replace the originally filed Figs. 4 and 6.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 18, after "1994" insert--, now U.S. Patent No.
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Page 16, line 14, change "but below" to --but above--.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for laser machining a depthwise self-limiting blind via in a multilayered target including at least first and second conductor layers having respective first and second conductor ablation energy thresholds and a dielectric layer having surfaces and a dielectric ablation energy threshold, the first and second conductor layers positioned above and below, respectively, the surfaces of the dielectric layer and the

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